

Capsule Summary
SM-142
White Marsh
California vicinity
Public

circa 1825-1840

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815 - 1870.
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 - 1930.

Historic Period Theme: Agriculture

Resource Type

Category: Site

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: none

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. **SM 142**

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic **White Marsh**

and/or common

2. Location

street & number **Indian Bridge Road** ☐ not for publication

city, town **Great Mills** ☒ vicinity of congressional district **5**

state **Maryland** county **St. Mary's**

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name **State of Maryland Department of Forests & Parks**

street & number **Tawes Office Building** telephone no.: **(301) 872 5688**

city, town **Annapolis** state and zip code **MD 21401**

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. **St. Mary's County Courthouse** liber **DBK 169**

street & number folio **342**

city, town **Leonardtown** state **Maryland**

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☒ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The White Marsh dwelling house is no longer standing. This property is now part of the St. Mary's County State Park. All above ground evidence of the structure has been demolished.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Unknown

Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acreQuadrangle name HollywoodQuadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting							Northing	

B

Zone	Easting							Northing	

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites surveyororganization St. Mary's County Planning & Zoningdate January 1995

street & number

telephone (301) 475 4662city or town Leonardtownstate Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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DHCP/DHCL
100 CON. COUNTY PLAZA
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2020
614-7600

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: State of Maryland Department of Forests and Parks
FROM: Fairmay, Inc., Robert Kaine, Shirley H. Kaine, Edward J. Cook, and Maxine W. Cook.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 169, folio 342.

DATE: July 15, 1971

NOTES: Transfer of 148.016 acres.

TO: Robert Kaine and Shirley H. Kaine, Edward J. Cook and Maxine W. Cook.

FROM: Fairmay Inc.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 163, folio 165.

DATE: October 20, 1970.

NOTES: Transfer of 1/2 undivided interest in 23.175 acre property to each couple.
See plat.

TO: Fairmay Inc.

FROM: Olive N. Seppe and Angelo Seppe

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 162, folio 351.

DATE: September 15, 1970.

NOTES: Transfer of 148.016 acres being "White Marsh."

TO: Fairmay Inc.

FROM: Olive Bean Hill, Leon Hill, Rose Bean Unkle and Harry Unkle, Mary E. Bean, James Norman Norris, Evelyn B. Norris, Elmer Lee Norris, Rita B. Norris, Margaret N. Russell, Joseph B. Russell, Mary Rose Hill, St. Clair Hill.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 162, folio 346.

DATE: September 12, 1970.

NOTES: Transfer of 148.016 acres of "White Marsh."

TO: Violet Norris, Olive Bean Hill, Mary E. Bean, Rose Bean Unkle

FROM: Elizabeth Ann Carder, Glenn Carder, Joyce Cecelia Bean, William Bean, Catharine Dolores Sattler, Harvey Sattler, Patricia Lee Robertson.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 126, folio 499.

DATE: December 15, 1965.

NOTES: Transfer of 1/5 undivided interest in 130 acres.

TO: Heirs

FROM: Elizabeth E. Bean

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber RGC 3, folio 795.

DATE: September 17, 1960.

NOTES: Devision of 1/5 undivided interest to each of my daughters, being Violet

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Norris, Olive Bean Hill, Mary E. Bean, and Rose Bean Unkle and to my daughters to hold an undivided 1/5 interest for my grandchildren, namely, the children of Lillian Bean Robertson being Elizabeth Ann Robertson, Joyce Robertson, Catharine Delores Robertson, and Patricia Lee Robertson.

TO: Elizabeth Bean
FROM: James W. Bean and Ann H. Bean
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 9, folio 493.
DATE: October 17, 1911.
NOTES: Transfer of 130 acres. Price: \$1400.

TO: James W. Bean and Ann H. Bean
FROM: Mary A. Bradley and Charles E. Bradley
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 1, folio 456.
DATE: November 7, 1900.
NOTES: Transfer of 130 acres of "White Marsh."

TO: Mary A. Bradley, wife of Charles E. Bradley of Baltimore County.
FROM: Elizabeth Coppage, John B. Coppage, John H. Duke, Lillie D. Duke, Mary M. Duke, Olive D. Forrester, John S. Forrester, James D. Duke.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 3, folio 526.
DATE: July 3, 1896.
NOTES: Transfer of "White Marsh" being 130 acres. Price: \$800.

TO: Martha A. Duke
FROM: James T. Duke
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 1, folio 225.
DATE: September 8, 1874.
NOTES: Transfer of "White Marsh" being 128 acres. Price: \$1400.

TO: James T. Duke
FROM: R. H. Wathen and Mary P. Wathen
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JAC 1, folio 450.
DATE: February 17, 1866.
NOTES: Transfer of two tracts, one being "Vaughan's Hills" and the second being "White Marsh." Price: \$300

TO: James T. Duke
FROM: George Duke and Nannie Duke
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 4, folio 473.
DATE: November 1, 1864.
NOTES: Transfer of "White Marsh" being 130 acres and that which formerly belonged

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to John Duke who died possessed of same. Price: \$300.

TO: Mary Walton

FROM: Priscilla Dukes

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber GC 2, folio 107.

DATE: July 11, 1843.

NOTES: Transfser of all her estate to her daughter Mary Walton. J.L.Abell and wife Susan object to the validity of the will, but lose the case.

TO: Heirs

FROM: John Dukes, Jr.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Administration Accounts, Liber GC 2, folio 313.

DATE: November 16, 1841.

NOTES: John Duke Jr. died intestate. His estate was divided as follows: Mary Ann Dukes, widow, 1/3 part; Susan Maria Dukes, daughter, 1/6 of 2/3 part; George Dent Dukes, son, 1/6 of 2/3 part; James Thomas Dukes, son, 1/6 of 2/3 part; Ann Elizabeth Dukes, daughter, 1/6 of 2/3 part; John Francis Dukes, son, 1/6 of 2/3 part; Mary Priscilla Dukes, 1/6 of 2/3 part.

TO: Heirs

FROM: John Dukes, Sr.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber EJM 1, folio 388.

DATE: July 30, 1838.

NOTES: Transfer of all property, both real and personal, to his wife Priscilla Dukes, during her life and at her death to his son John Dukes Jr. the plantation "whereon I now dwell known by the name of 'White Marsh' being 168 3/4 acres and also a piece of land Vaughn's hills' being 100 acres."

In the Annual Valuation of Real Estate (GC 1/58) dated February 12, 1844 for the plantation of John Dukes, Sr., deceased, Dukes' estate is divided between his children Susan Dukes (wife of John L. Abell), George D. Dukes, Mary P. Dukes, James F. Dukes, and John F. Dukes. The description of the plantation at this time is as follows:

"...found it to be divided into two tenements called the old and new house plantation. The new house plantation containing about 190 acres of land more or less being two tracts or all the lands lying on the south side of the road leading from Indian Bridge Mill to Leonardtown belonging to said John Dukes, Sr., about 30 acres cleared, ballance in wood about 100 acres of which may be cleared and wood sold without injury to the farm. The improvements are a frame dwelling house 24' by 16', one story high with a small shed on the north end used as a kitchen in tolerable good repair, a barn 17' square sheded in tolerable repair except some of the weatherboarding being

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loose, a cow house 38' long by 9' wide in tolerable order, a meathouse in reasonable repair, and a log corn house roof bad, fencing not very good having on it no inclosed garden, a well sunk in the yard not in good order; the orchard consisting of some old peach trees and a few young apple trees not very thrifty and we estimate the annual value of said tenement at \$30 current money... The old house plantation supposed to contain 100 acres of land more or less about half cleared or arable land balance in woods and young pines, improvements small dwelling house, piazza and two small shed rooms, a kitchen, meathouse, small barn, cow house, and stables, rail garden, old orchard, fencing bad condition, houses generally in tolerable condition most of them wanting some slight repairs the annual value at \$30 current money..."

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Photo of White Marsh House, now demolished.

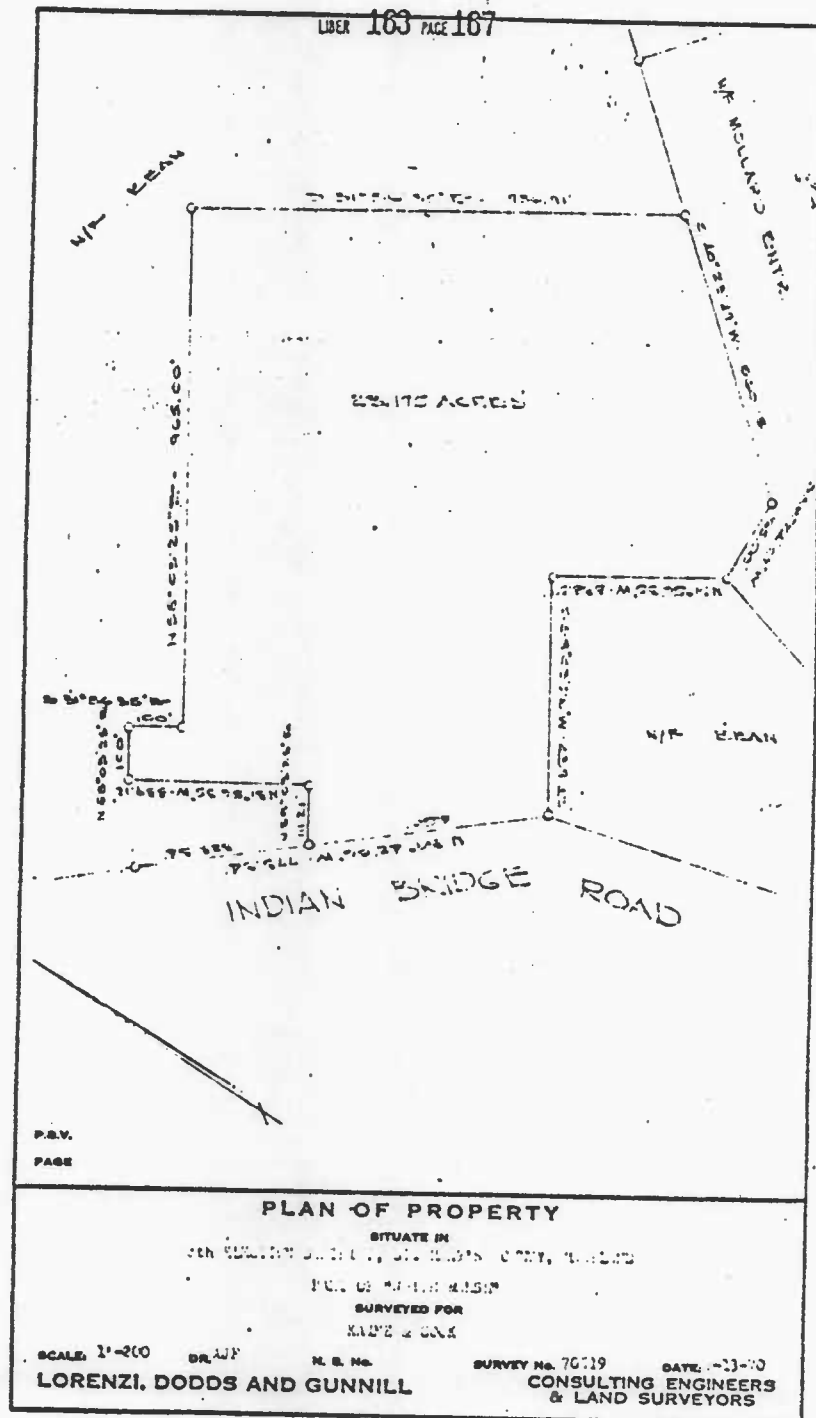
Source: St. Mary's County Historical Society Files.
Charles Fenwick, Photographer.

Date: May 21, 1955.



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10.1 Geographical Data

Plat of White Marsh in 1970 located in St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber DBK 163, folio 167.



SM-142
1901425927

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME
COMMON: White Marsh site
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: Indian Bridge Road (MD 471)
CITY OR TOWN: Great Mills
STATE: Maryland COUNTY: St Mary's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF OEEOS, ETC.:
St. Mary's County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington Street and Courthouse Drive
CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown STATE: Maryland
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY:
DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One) (Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>White Marsh burned was destroyed by fire about 1968.</p>	
<p>ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE</p>	
<p>S' M -142 WHITE MARSH Great Mills Private</p>	
<p>18th century</p>	
<p>Local tradition identifies the name and location of this site. Requires further study.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

HOLLYWOOD QUAD

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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SW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE

12.

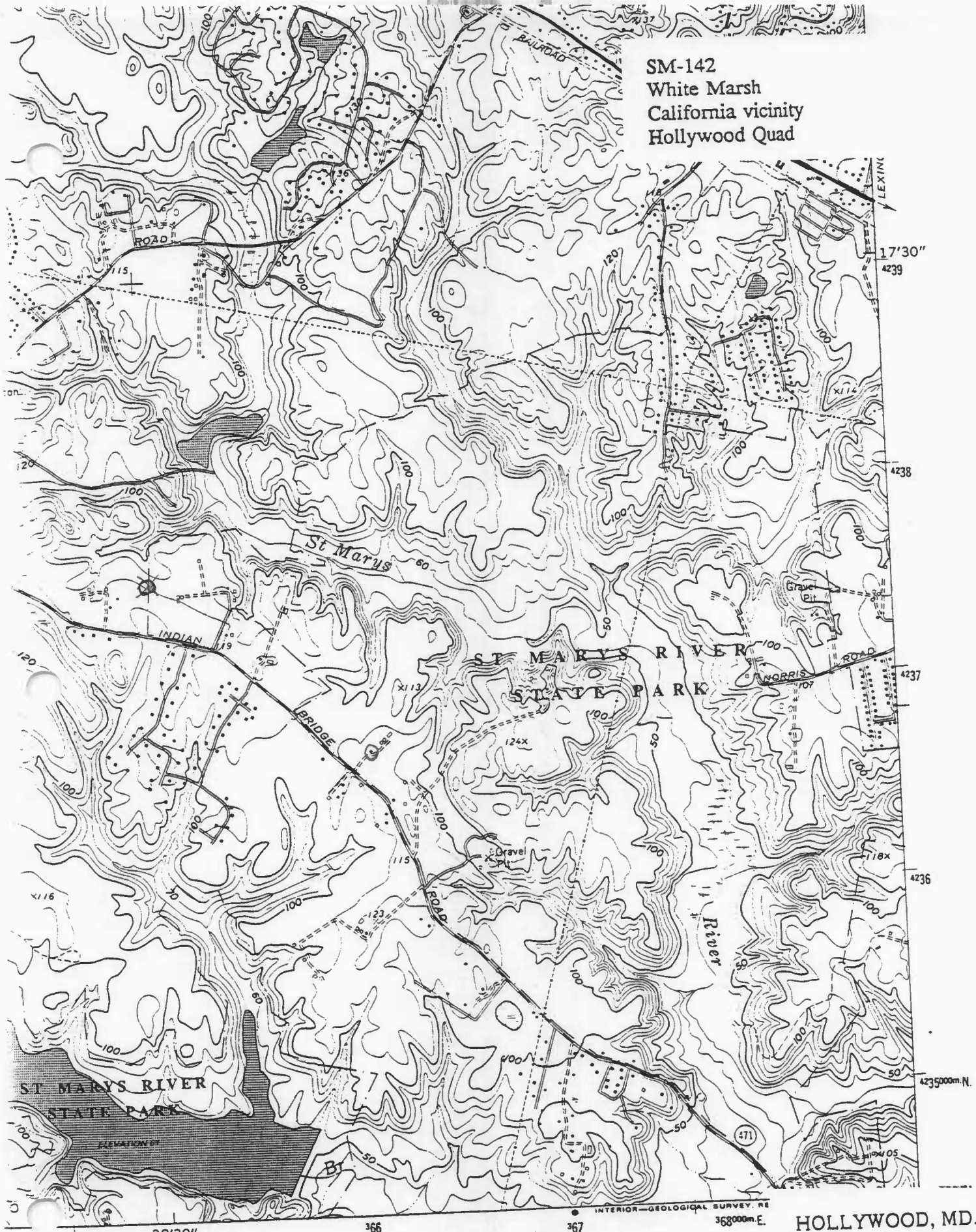
State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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 White Marsh
 California vicinity
 Hollywood Quad



HOLLYWOOD, MD.

SE/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
 38076-C5-TF-024

ROAD CLASSIFIC

Heavy-duty ——— Light
 Medium-duty ——— Uni

○ State Rr

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